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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 (TLB)

Many people today seem to go through their days with their “stingers out,” ready to attack others or to defend their positions at the slightest provocation. We all do well, however, to consider the full nature of the “bees” we sometimes seem to emulate.

Bees readily feed each other, sometimes even a bee of a different colony. The worker bees feed the queen bee, who cannot feed herself. They feed the drones during their period of usefulness in the hive. They feed the young. They seem to enjoy this social act of mutual feeding.

Bees cluster together for warmth in cold weather and fan their wings to cool the hive in hot weather, thus working for one another’s comfort.

When the time comes for bees to move to new quarters, scouts report back to the group, doing a dance very similar to the one used to report a find of honey. When enough scouts have confirmed the suitability of the new location, the bees appear to make a common decision, take flight, and migrate together... all at the same time... in what we call a swarm.

Only as a last-resort desperate measure of self defense do bees engage their stingers... and never against their fellow bees.

There is a lot we could learn about taking care of each other from bees!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Movie Night this month will be on Friday, March 29th, at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. In conjunction with Easter, the movie will be "The Passion of Christ." Popcorn and water will be provided.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation this Sunday, March 24th, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to Catfish Kitchen on March 28th. Bus leaving at 5:30. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

Buddy Brumley was baptized Saturday afternoon by the Jail Ministry.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the basement.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Sympathy to the family of **John Hudspeth** who passed away on Friday. He was a friend to many and especially those in the music world. A service will be scheduled at a later date.



Floy Cochran will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 22nd. She would like to receive cards from anyone who can send one. You may bring your card and drop it in the box in either foyer, or you can mail it to her home. Her address is in the Field Guide.

Ruth Ann Carathers will celebrate her 80th birthday on March 31st. Anyone who would like to send a card, please send it to: Ruth Ann Carathers, c/o Tina Devore, 555 Williamson County Line Road, Fairview, TN 37062.



Members: Joyce Bruno (knee replacement Thursday), Sharon Burns (diagnosed breast cancer), Carolyn Phillips, Belinda Anderson, Reda Springer, Brenda Fly, Justin Bates, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb (serious surgery Thursday), Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Greg Edwards (brother of Curtis-possible heart surgery), Carol Warren (daughter of Toby and Brandy), Gary Gossett, (Janey Gilbert's brother-Dickson Horizon-kidney infection), Margaret Martin (broken elbow-surgery Mar. 26), Braydon Chessor, James Coates (improving, ICU-VA Hospital Nashville), Lester Davidson, James Williams (brother of Al Williams-St. Thomas West), Kim Totty, Tara & Connor Pitman, Trevor Buchanan, Ricky Harness, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons (diagnosed melanoma), Mike Avery, Randi Rian Stringer, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Bobby McCoy, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Martha Ann McCord, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Joyce Boyd, Lou Dickens, Sue Davidson, Floy Cochran, John Fly, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard



Mar 31 - Easter Egg Hunt, after classes, we will need Individually wrapped candy or filled plastic eggs for the kids to hunt. See Teresa if you need plastic eggs. Easter candy is due Wednesday, March 27th.



Center Fielders News

“Who Are the People of God”

Do the people of God include all who profess to follow Christ? Simply being involved in religious activity does not make one a Christian. Who then are God’s people? Here are some descriptions that we find in Scripture.

The people of God have been born again. They give evidence of it by being transformed so they “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). They turn away from sin and the ungodly world, are led by the Spirit of God, and have their focus on spiritual things.

The people of God accept the entire Bible as the inspired, infallible Word of God, to be believed and obeyed without reservation. The Bible is their rule, even when others are following “enlightened” thinkers. They are fully convinced that God’s Word will never change. Living by faith, they are not overwhelmed by fear when things seem to be unclear and out of control. They live by promises not by explanation. They have peace, joy, and assurance that the secular world knows nothing of.

The people of God seek to follow Jesus in love and truth. We love one another, our neighbor, and even our enemies. We speak truth at all times. Not just when it’s convenient and comfortable, but when it’s inconvenient and uncomfortable. God’s people love, and love truth.

Have you surrendered your life to the Lord, Jesus Christ? Are you living in the light of eternity and in readiness for our Lord’s return? If so, you can have the wonderful blessing of being assured that you are part of God’s people. If you are not, please call me and let’s talk about becoming a child of God.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 17, 2024

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 221 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$5187 |
| 2024 WEEKLY BUDGET | \$5104 |

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Psalm 133:1-3

Preside Lord’s Supper: Kenneth Jett

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| Left: Phillip Coates | Right: Willie Powers |
| Robert Graf | Wayne Prince |
| Steve Baker | Lyle Shepherd |
| Tony McCoy | Erik Hassell |

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: James Swaw

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Matthew 15:32-39

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Lord’s Supper: Gary Basford, Buddy Chandler

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

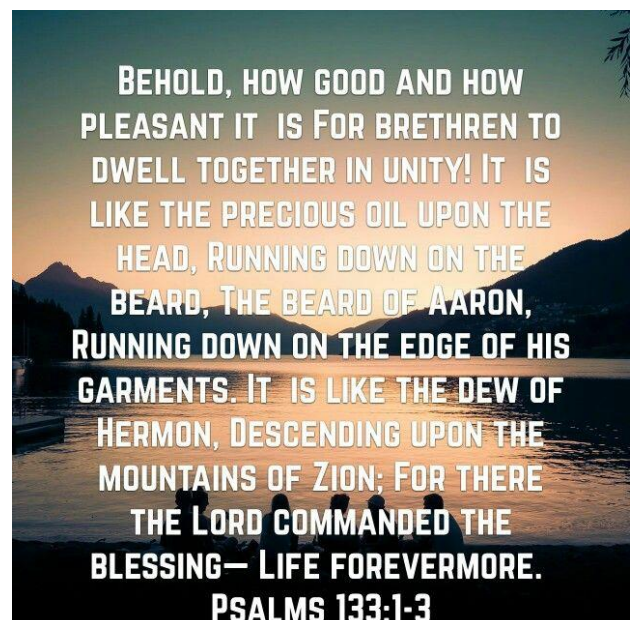
WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Mike Kelley

Opening Prayer: Boyce Cannon

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



STEPHEN AND CANCEL CULTURE

Stephen was a man of tremendous courage who preached God's Word with great boldness. On the occasion of Acts chapter 7, Stephen preached that he saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). In the audience that day were unbelieving Jews who rejected Christ. When they heard Stephen preach Christ, they were enraged and "stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him" (Acts 7:57-58). Notice from this text that the Jews "stopped their ears." They refused to listen to what Stephen preached. Rather than listening, they stoned to death an innocent, godly man.

We live in a time when some refuse to hear any opposing view. Rather than granting others freedom to express opposing views, the culture "cancels" them. "Canceling" often involves some type of punishment against those—mostly conservative—who attempt to express controversial views. One may lose business, be fired, or publicly shamed if one dares to share an opposing viewpoint. Much like the unbelieving Jews "stopped their ears," some "stop their ears today" and cancel all opposing views.

However, the unbelieving Jews who stoned God's faithful preacher, Stephen, did not change the truth about Jesus. They refused to listen, even stopping their ears, but their rejection of Stephen's message did not change the truthfulness of the message.

Likewise, refusing to listen to opposing views today will not change the truth. Refusing to listen to the pro-life position that abortion is taking innocent, human life, does not change the truth about abortion. Silencing the voices of those who oppose homosexuality, does not change the truth that homosexuality is a perversion of God's plan for human sexuality (Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). "Canceling" those who affirm that there are only two genders, male and female, does not change the truth that being transgender is a distortion of God's original plan (Genesis 1:26-27).

Christians must always speak with love and compassion for others (Ephesians 4:15). However, if ever there was a time when bold, brave, Christian voices were needed, that time is now! "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29).

Mark Lindley
Chapman church of Christ
Ripley, MS

RESPONSE

Dale Dillingham came forward Sunday night seeking courage and strength for daily trials and temptations.

This year marks the **75th anniversary of Fairfield Church of Christ**. The elders are seeking volunteers and suggestions to help plan and make this important community milestone a success. If you are willing to help in any way, let one of them know as soon as possible.



Congratulations to **Claire Willis** for being crowned Miss Hickman County 2024 at the annual beauty pageant Saturday night!!



This year, Easter Sunday is March 31st which falls on the fifth Sunday. Due to this, Mike Kelley will speak that day and we will have Bible classes as usual. Immediately following Bible class, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. **We will not have a potluck meal afterwards and there will be no evening service that day.**



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.



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Instagram: fcocfamily
Website: fairfieldcofc.org